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Subject: Logistical support to scouting Organizations

We recently received a question about providing logistical support to scouting organizations. In case you are asked for advice on this issue, here are the legal authorities we are aware of on this subject.

- 32 USC 508. This authorizes the National Guard to provide logistical services, under certain circumstances, to the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of America, and certain other youth organizations.
- 10 USC 2544, which deals with providing equipment and other services for Boy Scout Jamborees.
- 10 USC 2545, which addresses providing transportation services for international Girl Scout events.
- 10 USC 2606, which covers cooperation with and assistance to scouting organizations in foreign areas.
- Executive Order 12715, "Determination for Support of Scouting Activities Overseas", May 3, 1990 (Volume 55, Federal Register, page 19051). In this Executive Order the President directed the Secretary of Defense (or his designee) to issue regulations to implement 10 USC 2606.
- DoD Instruction ("DoDI") 1015.9, Professional United States Scouting Organization Operations at United States Military Installations Located Overseas, October 31, 1990. This DoDI implements 10 USC 2606, and is five pages long. The DoDI can be found at the DoD publications website (<http://web7.whs.osd.mil/corres.htm>).
- DoD 5500.7-R Joint Ethics Regulation, paragraph 3-212f. This paragraph lists the four Federal statutes mentioned above as authorities for providing support to scouting organizations.
- DoD Instruction 1000.15, Private Organizations on DoD Installations, October 23, 1997. Paragraph 6.6 of the DoDI covers logistical support to scouting organizations that are DoD-sponsored private organizations. Paragraph 6.14.1 of the DoDI says that the DoDI does not apply to scouting organizations at US military installations overseas. The DoDI can be found at the DoD publications website (<http://web7.whs.osd.mil/corres.htm>).
- Air Force Instruction ("AFI") 34-223, Private Organization (PO) Program, 8 December 1997. Paragraph 11 of the AFI covers logistical support to scouting organizations that are Air Force-sponsored private organizations.
- AFI 24-301, Vehicle Operations, 1 October 1998. Paragraph 9.8 of this AFI covers vehicle support for scouting organizations.
- AFI 34-204, Air Force Services Logistics Support Program, 1 December 1997. Paragraph 7.2 of this AFI covers vehicle support for scouting organizations. It contains essentially the same rules as are found in paragraph 9.8 of AFI 24-301. All three of the AFIs mentioned in this update can be found at the Air Force publications website (<http://afpubs.hq.af.mil/elec-products/series.stm>).